

**What is claimed is:**

1. A small interfering RNA (siRNA) molecule which inhibits the expression of a Pablo polypeptide in a eukaryotic cell.
2. The molecule of claim 1, wherein the Pablo polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.
3. The molecule of claim 1, wherein the siRNA has a sense strand nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 and an antisense strand nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.
4. The molecule of claim 1, wherein the siRNA has a sense strand nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:5 and an antisense strand nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:6.
5. The molecule of claim 1, wherein the siRNA has a sense strand nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:7 and an antisense strand nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:8.
6. The molecule of claim 1, wherein the siRNA has a sense strand nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:9 and an antisense strand nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:10.
7. The molecule according to any one of claims 1-6, wherein the molecule inhibits apoptosis in the cell.
8. A method for inhibiting apoptosis in a mammalian cell comprising administering to the cell a molecule according to any one of claims 1-6.